

### **Amendments to the Claims**

Claims 1-78. Canceled

79. (new) An information acquisition apparatus for reproducing information stored in an information recording medium, and for communicating with at least one information server as a database of related information related to the information recording medium through an Internet, comprising:

reading means for automatically initiating reading of one or more music as contents information and predetermined address information when the information recording medium is set into the information acquisition apparatus, in which said music and said predetermined address information indicating an address of a homepage provided in the information server are stored on the information recording medium beforehand;

reproducing means for reproducing said music being read by said reading means;

address-information acquisition means processing for acquiring said predetermined address information to obtain the related information for the set information recording medium from said reading means in parallel with music reproduction initiated by said reproducing means; and

related-information acquisition means processing for accessing the homepage of the information server through the Internet based on said address information acquired by said address-information acquisition means in parallel with said music reproduction initiated by said reproducing means, and for acquiring any of said related information

such as a list of music title, a lyric, a name of singer, a homepage of the singer, a name of lyricist, a name of composer, names of players, a title of the information recording medium, and a picture of jacket of the information recording medium;

display control means processing for displaying said related information acquired by said related-information acquisition means; and

control means for processing each of said address-information acquisition means, said related-information acquisition means, and said display control means in parallel with said music reproduction processed by said reproducing means.

80. (new) An information acquisition method for reproducing information stored in an information recording medium, and for communicating with at least one information server as a database of related information related to the information recording medium through an Internet, comprising the steps of:

initiating reading of one or more music as contents information and predetermined address information automatically when the information recording medium is set into the information acquisition apparatus, in which said music and said predetermined address information indicating an address of a homepage provided in the information server are stored on the information recording medium beforehand;

reproducing said music after said reading step;

acquiring said predetermined address information to obtain the related information for the set information recording medium from the information read in said reading step in parallel with music reproduction in said reproducing step;

accessing the homepage through the Internet based on said address information acquired in said address-information acquisition step in parallel with said music reproduction in said reproducing step;

acquiring any of said related information such as a list of music title, a lyric, a name of singer, a homepage of the singer, a name of lyricist, a name of composer, names of players, a title of the information recording medium, and a picture of jacket of the information recording medium in parallel with said music reproduction in said reproducing step; and

displaying said related information acquired by said related information acquiring step in parallel with said music reproduction in said reproducing step.

81. (new) An information acquisition method using an information acquisition apparatus for reproducing information stored in an information recording medium, and for communicating with at least one information server as a database of related information related to the information recording medium through an Internet, comprising the steps of:

initiating reading of one or more music as contents information and predetermined address information automatically when the information recording medium is set into the information acquisition apparatus, in which said music and said predetermined address information indicating an address of a homepage provided in the information server are stored on the information recording medium beforehand;

reproducing said music after said reading step;

acquiring said predetermined address information to obtain the related information for the set information recording medium from the information read in said reading step in parallel with music reproduction in said reproducing step;

accessing the homepage through the Internet based on said address information acquired in said address-information acquisition step in parallel with said music reproduction in said reproducing step;

acquiring any of said related information such as a list of music title, a lyric, a name of singer, a homepage of the singer, a name of lyricist, a name of composer, names of players, a title of the information recording medium, and a picture of jacket of the information recording medium in parallel with said music reproduction in said reproducing step; and

displaying said related information acquired by said related information acquiring step in parallel with said music reproduction in said reproducing step.

82. (new) An information acquisition apparatus for reproducing information stored in an information recording medium, and for communicating with at least one information server as a database of related information related to the information recording medium through an Internet, comprising:

a reading unit for automatically initiating reading of one or more music as contents information and predetermined address information when the information recording medium is set into the information acquisition apparatus, in which said music and said predetermined address information indicating an address of a homepage

provided in the information server are stored on the information recording medium beforehand;

a reproducing unit for reproducing said music being read by said reading unit;

an address-information acquisition unit processing for acquiring said predetermined address information to obtain the related information for the set information recording medium from said reading unit in parallel with music reproduction initiated by said reproducing unit; and

a related-information acquisition unit processing for accessing the homepage of the information server through the Internet based on said address information acquired by said address-information acquisition unit in parallel with said music reproduction initiated by said reproducing unit, and for acquiring any of said related information such as a list of music title, a lyric, a name of singer, a homepage of the singer, a name of lyricist, a name of composer, names of players, a title of the information recording medium, and a picture of jacket of the information recording medium;

a display control unit processing for displaying said related information acquired by said related-information acquisition unit; and

a control unit; for processing each of said address-information acquisition unit, said related-information acquisition unit, and said display control unit in parallel, with said music reproduction processed by said reproducing unit.